

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement sheet of drawings are enclosed for the Examiner's approval. The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 3 and 4 to replace the original sheets including Figs. 3 and 4. In figures 3 and 4, the reference number 7 is deleted and the shape of the reference number 61 is amended to clearly depict a handle. In addition, a marked-up copy (with annotations) of the amended figures 3 and 4 is also enclosed for the Examiner's approval.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

DRAWING OBJECTION

The drawings were originally objected to because the reference number “61” in figures 3 and 4 does not clearly depict a handle.

Responsive to this, the figures 3 and 4 are corrected in accordance with the Examiner’s instruction and it is believed that the objection should be removed.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTION

The disclosure was originally objected to because of some informalities.

Responsive to this, the specification is corrected in accordance with the Examiner’s instruction and suggestion, and it is believed that the objection should be removed.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Responsive to this, claim 7 is amended according to the Examiner's instruction. In addition, claims 6, 9 and 10 have been deleted. Therefore, it is believed that, by the amendment, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph should be removed.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hermansen et al. (US-6,059,245).

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 3 and 4 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermansen in view of Dodd et al. (US-5,742,982).

In addition, claims 5 and 6 were originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermansen in view of Kubo et al. (US-6,633,749).

In addition, claim 8 was originally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hermansen in view of LiVolsi (US-4,483,556).

However, the Examiner has pointed out that claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Responsive to this, claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 are deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 10 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) should be withdrawn, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable.

It is further submitted that the claims 2-4, 7 and 8 should be allowable as they are dependent upon the amended claim 1 which is believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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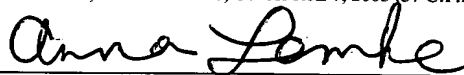
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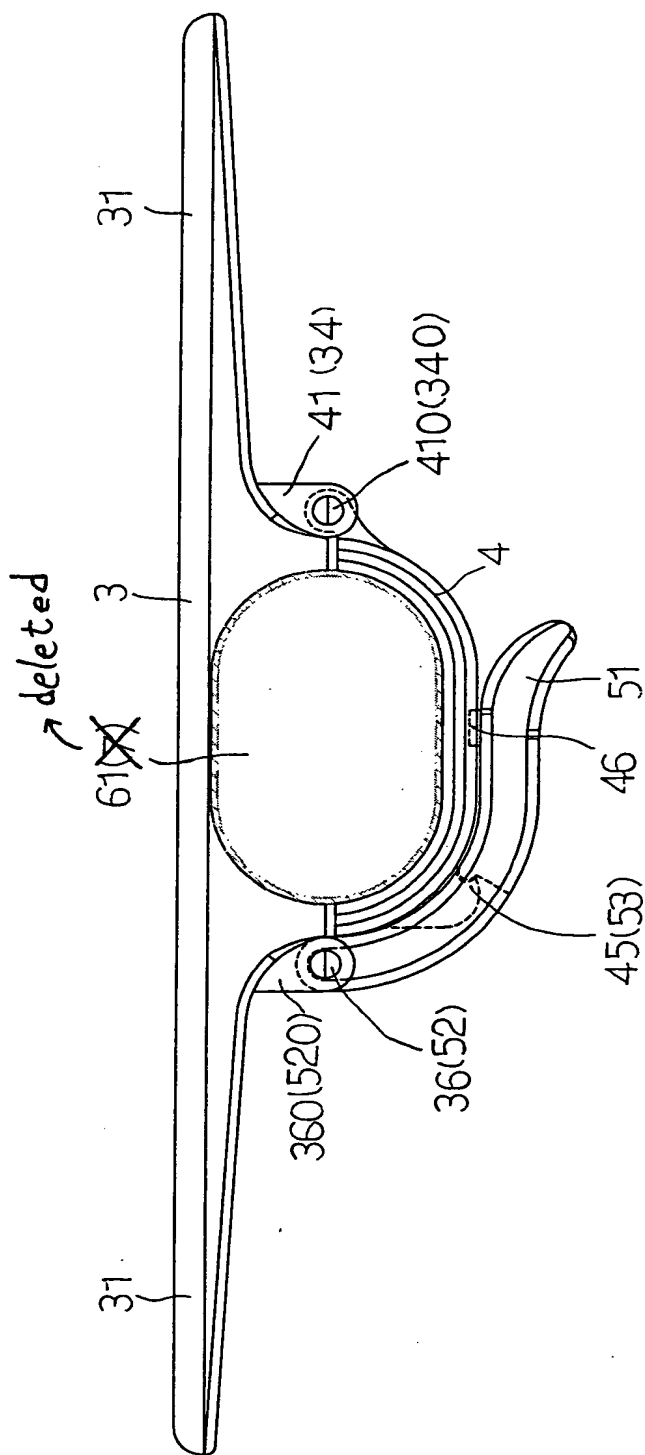


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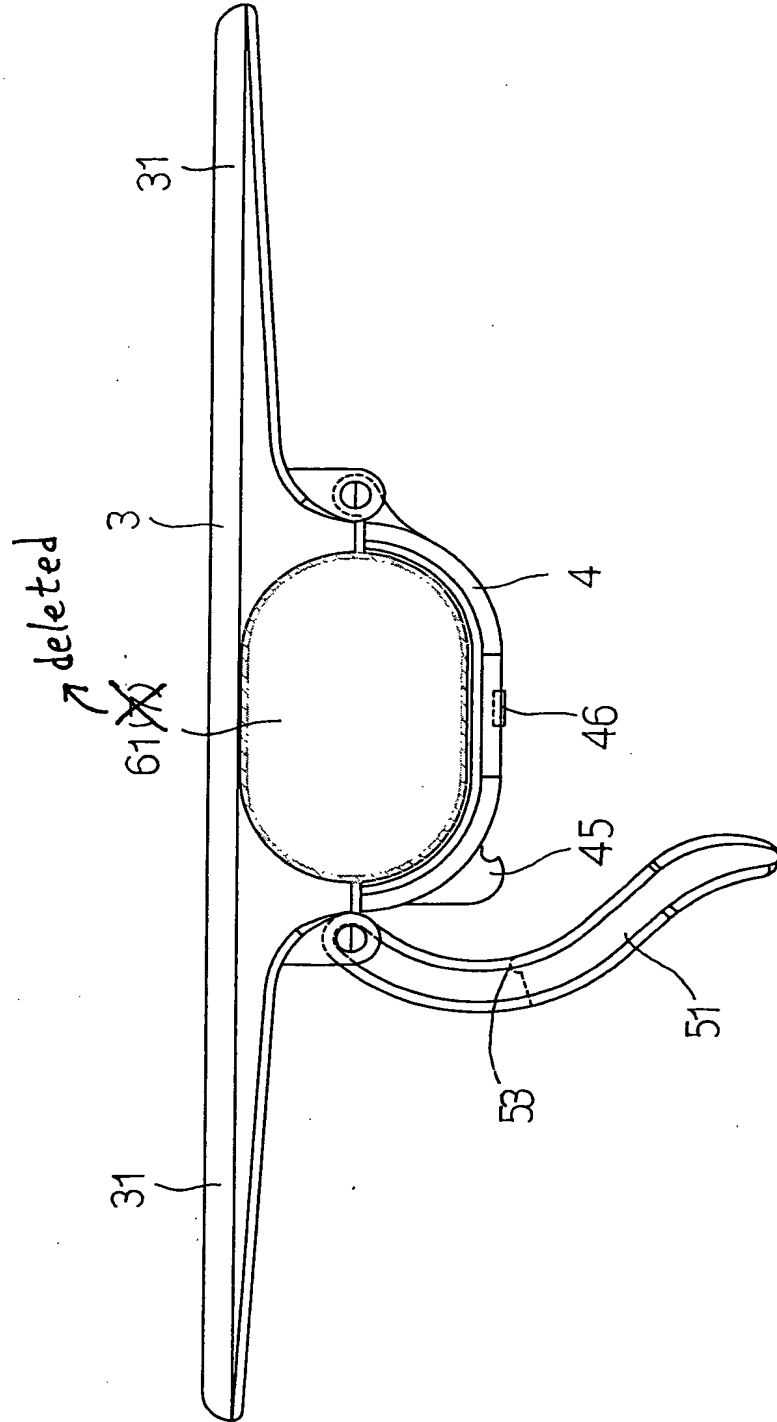


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